Shortage of parking bays at Mumbai Airport

2247. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai Airport does not have adequate number of parking bays for aircrafts for night parking;

(b) if so, whether airlines have been asked by AAI to park aircrafts overnight at neighbouring airports like pune, Ahmedabad etc.; and

(c) what is the response of the airlines to this request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Mumbai Airport has 49 parking stands for overnight halt of domestic flights and presently, all the parking stands are being utilised for overnight halt. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested airlines to park their additional aircraft for overnight halt at non-metro airports.

(c) The airlines have requested for night parking at Pune, Ahmedabad etc. which have been agreed to by AAI subject to availability of parking bays.

Direct air service between Amritsar and London

2248. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start direct flights from Amritsar to London in near future;

(b) the status of the proposal; and

(c) by when, inaugural flight is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Both Air India, Jet Airways have plans to operate flights on Amritsar-London v.v. route. However, no firm dates have been intimated by the airlines for the commencement of operations.

Construction of bays at airports

2249. MS.PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India is in the process of construction of 143 bays at 45 airports;